been cases of over-payment of Rs. 20.32 lakhs to misclassification; Rs. 16.28 lakhs due to non-application of the cut-off formula; Rs. 13.57 lakhs due to application of incorrect rates; irregular payment of Rs. 8.66 lakhs;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to remove the irregularities mentioned in (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The reports of Govenment auditors relating to individual branches of scheduled commercial banks are received by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and audit objections are taken up with the concerned branches of banks for settlement. Wherever interest subsidy has been wrongly claimed by banks, recoveries are effected and in case the objections raised by CAG auditors are not in conformity with procedures laid down by RBI, the position is duly explained to CAG's office for dropping the objections. After abolition of the Export Credit (Interest Subsidy) Scheme, 1968 w.e.f. 6th Aug, '91 RBI have directed all scheduled commercial banks to expedite compliance reports on outstanding audit objections. Following the Audit, Rs. 2.66 crores has been refunded by the banks to RBI up to 30th Sept, "91.

(c) to (e) The concerned port licensing authorities of the Director General of Foreign Trade have been directed to make recoveries from the concerned exporters in respect of the cases reported by the CAG involving over-payment due to misclassification, non-application of the cut-off point formula and incorrect application of CCS rates. It may be stated that the figures of over-payment reported by CAG due to non-application of correct CCS rate and irregular payments may be read as Rs. 12.40 lakhs and Rs. 6.02 lakhs respectively as against Rs. 13.57 lakhs and Rs. 8.66 lakhs mentioned in part (c) of the question. The Government have decided to waive the recovery in respect of cases involving over-payment of Rs. 12.40 lakhs due to non-application of correct rates.

Foreign Exchange Earned on Export of Marine Products

4234. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to MPEDA, total of Rs. 1,767 crores was earned as foreign exchange during 1992-93 from marine products;

(b) whether it is a fact that in US dollar-terms this figure is similar to marine products export earning during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) the details of figures in the US dollar-terms for marine product exports during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(d) whether exports of marine products are stagnet in terms of foreign exchange earned; and

(e) if so, the reasons for such stagnation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Export figures in US Dollar-terms have been as follows:—

US $ Mn.

1990-91	503.31
1991-92	561.22
1992-93	615.06

Source: MPEDA, Kochi

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

India-China border trade

4235. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are bleak prospects of India-China border trade picking up this year,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to encourage India-China border trade ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-